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SUBJECT: ELF REAFFIRMS DEMAND FOR ERITREAN INDEPENDENCE

REF: BEIRUT 14326 AND PREVIOUS

1. IN STATEMENT RELEASED HERE (DEC 31) REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL OF ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT (ELF) DECLARED ELF "SOLE LEGITIMATE REP OF ERITREAN PEOPLE" AND STATED ANY SOLUTION FOR ERITREAN PROBLEM OTHER THAN INDEPENDENCE IS "UNACCEPTABLE TO ERITREAN PEOPLE AND STRUGGLE WILL CONTINUE AND INTENSIFY UNTIL FINAL VICTORY IS ACHIEVED." STATEMENT ALSO WARNS THAT ETHIOPIAN ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE "PUPPET GOVT OF ERITREANS" WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATIONS WITH ELF WOULD ONLY COMPLICATE SITUATION.

2. TRACING ETHIOPIAN HISTORY FROM OTTOMAN RULE TO FEB 1974 MILITARY COUP, STATEMENT CRITICIZES PRESENT REGIME FOR NOT CONTINUING REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITY THAT BROUGHT IT TO POWER AND LABELS IT "SUBSTITUTE FOR PREVIOUS REGIME IN GUARDING IMPERIALIST AND ZIONIST UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERESTS IN AFRICAN AND RED SEA REGIONS." ACCORDING

TO DECLARATION, ETHIOPIAN "OCCUPATION" OF ERITREA HAS
TURNED AREA INTO "BASE FOR AMERICAN IMPERIALISM AND
ZIONISM FROM WHICH THEY CAN LAUNCH AN AGGRESSION ON
OUR ARAB AND AFRICAN BROTHERS. CRITICIZING U.S. BASE
IN ASMARA AS "OPEN GATE FOR ZIONIST AND ISRAEL", STATE-
MENT ADDS "ERITREAN STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM WILL NOT BE
COMPLETE UNLESS THIS ABNORMAL SITUATION IS RECTIFIED
AND ALL AMERICAN BASES AND ISRAELI ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH
THREATEN PEACE AND SECURITY ARE LIQUIDATED IN OUR REGION
AND IN WORLD."
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